

FISCAL NOTE
HB 2195 - SB 2321

February 4, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires schools having 500 or more students to have at least one assistant principal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$12,450,000

Assumes the bill does not require a change in the BEP funding formula so that the current level at which the BEP model generates an assistant principal position for elementary and secondary grades would remain the same. Therefore, this requirement would result in a cost to local governments since some LEAs are currently using funds generated in the BEP for assistant principals for other things.

Currently, for elementary grades the BEP model generates one-half a position for schools with 660-879 students and one position for schools with 880-1099 students. For secondary grades, the model generates one-half a position for schools with 300-649 students.

At present, there are 249 schools in the state with more than 500 students that would be required to hire an assistant principal. Using an average salary and benefits of approximately \$50,000 per position, it is estimated that local government expenditures will increase approximately \$12,450,000.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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